

Forest Land-Yavatmal

Diversion of 0.2530 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along existing RoW of Umerkheda- Mahurgad-Parva Road in Pandharkawada Forest Division, Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No FLD- 3224/CR.99/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 30.09.2024**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1/PID-455474/Yavatmal/3564, Dt.28.03.2024.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-3224/C.R.99/F-10, dt. 14.06.2024.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-455474/Yavatmal/1152, dt.08.08.2024.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for diversion of 0.2530 ha. Forest Land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along existing RoW of Umerkheda- Mahurgad-Parva Road in Pandharkawada Forest Division, Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 0.2530 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for diversion of 0.2530 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.2530 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along existing RoW of Umerkheda- Mahurgad-Parva Road in Pandharkawada Forest Division, Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. DCF, Pandharkawada shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 4 & 5 in Satage-I order dated 14.06.2024, before handover actual possession to the User Agency.
2. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 14.06.2024.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statutory duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
5. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Yavatmal shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
6. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 14.06.2024, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
7. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Compartment No.	Gut No.	Length x Width (in Mtr)	Area (in Ha)	Remarks
1	The Proposal for diversion of 0.2530 ha. forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable of M/s Bharti Airtel Limited along Umerkheda-Mahurgad-Parva, Pandharkawada Forest Divisional Dist. Yavatmal in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/REDIV/455 474/2023).	Parva	814	227	376.26 x 0.50	0.0188	RF
		Sharad	669	2	396.17 x 0.50	0.0198	RF
		Kurli	670	78	496.15 x 0.50	0.0248	RF
		Kurli	671	12	2270.22 x 0.50	0.1135	RF
		Saifal	C122 a	123	565.87 x 0.50	0.0283	RF
		Saifal	C122 b	60	955.12 x 0.50	0.0478	RF
	Total Forest Area (in ha.)					0.2530	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(**Ganesh Jadhao**)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
8. Collector, Yavatmal.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada.

12. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune.

13. Select File-F-10.

- I. Collector- Yavatmal, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Gadchiroli & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.